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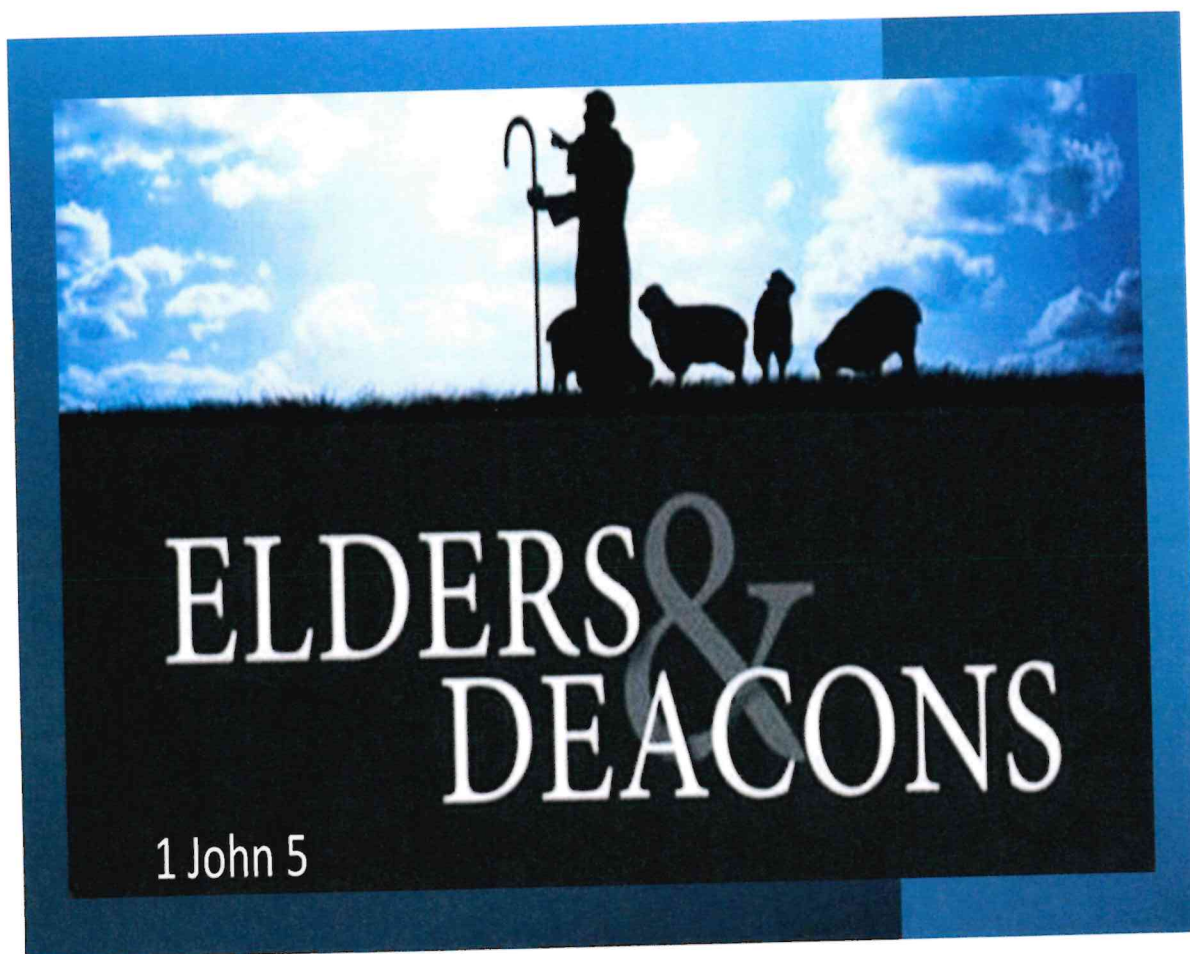
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THE LORD'S DAY
December 28, 2025
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Song of Praise:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PsH 408:1-3

Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole"

BsH 379:1-2

Ministry of Music - "O Holy Night" - Men's Quartet

Ordination/Installation of Office Bearers (back of Psalter Hymnal - pg. 175)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Speak, O Lord"**

GH:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 John 5 (page 1134/1903)

Sermon: **"LOVING THE FAITH THAT WE ARE GIVEN"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"By Faith"

GH:1,2,5

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Guiding Star of Siouxland & Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"By Faith"

GH:4

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

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December 28, 2025

We pray that everyone will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises & prayers, and hear His Word proclaimed!

WELCOME!

TODAY

-- This morning we have the privilege of installing the following newly elected office bearers. It is the prayer of our Congregation that the Lord may equip these men to fulfill the responsibilities of their respective offices.

Elders: Elmer Boon, Jeff Van Bommel, Merlin Van Otterloo

Deacons: Austin Blik, Tyler Den Boer, Taylor Kats

-- **Mission Christmas Project:** The Christmas Project for Guatemala will conclude today, **Sunday, December 28**. If you would like to donate to this project and are unable to bring it today, please contact any Mission Committee member. *The Mission Committee would like to express a big "THANK YOU" once again to the many generous members of our congregation that so willingly give and make our projects so successful!*

-- January Faith & Life Newsletters are in the bulletin racks.

-- Offering Envelope Boxes for 2026 have been placed in your Church mailboxes.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

-- *A special thank you to Andy Van Roekel, James Vanden Bos, Evan Vanden Bosch, & Ryan Zevenbergen for blessing us with your ministry of music during our morning worship service.*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Guiding Star of Siouxland**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Building Fund**. The New Year's Day service offerings will be for Community Impact. The offerings for next week will be for our Benevolent Fund and our CEC

Building Project: *Fundraising for our Narthex Expansion Project is ongoing and donations are being accepted anytime. Please write checks payable to First CRC and it is important you indicate "Building Project" in your check memo so it is applied accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact Evan Altena or Ryan Zomer.*

-- The Elders/Deacons will have a Council meeting on Monday evening, **December 29** at 6:30pm. All incoming and outgoing members should be present as well.

-- **Thursday, January 1, 2026**, we will be hosting the New Year's Day Community Worship Service.

-- **Meals on Wheels** - The Meals on Wheels schedule has been provided to us for 2026. Our turn to deliver meals is the week of **January 5-9**. If you are willing and able to deliver meals during this week, please sign-up on the sheet provided on the table in the Narthex.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- **Family Faith Visitation** - *All members of Care Groups 5-8 will meet with the Elders this year.* Please schedule your Family Faith Visitation promptly. The weekly meetings will begin **Monday, January 5** and will occur on most Mondays/Tuesdays in January/February. The sign-up schedule is available on the table in the Narthex. Visitation outlines are provided by the sign-up sheet. Please fill January's schedule first when you select your sign-up date. If you are a member of Care Group 1-4 you met last year, but if you would still like to meet again this year, please sign-up on the schedule as well. Reminder: The 2026 Church Directory that has been provided in your Church mailbox has a list of all Care Groups. *Thank you!*

-- The Catechism Refresh Class led by Pastor Matt will begin on **Wednesday, January 7.** This class is geared for those who actively want to discuss and understand the Heidelberg Catechism as adults. It will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm for 8 sessions. *Please follow the Church website calendar as some Wednesdays in between it will not be held due to other events happening.*

-- Our IGNITE Youth Group will be preparing freezer meals during the next meeting being held on **Wednesday, January 7.** A sign-up sheet will be available on the table in the Narthex in which you can sign-up for the meals of your choice and the quantity of each. Use these meals for yourself or gift to someone in need! *Thank you for your support!*

-- **Sunday, January 11** is Youth Sunday.

-- Sunday School, Catechism, & Children in Worship will resume on **Sunday, January 11.**

-- 1st CRC Book Club - The 2026 Book Club will kick off on **Monday, January 12** at 6:30pm. Instead of pre-selecting a book to discuss, you are invited to bring a copy of your favorite book to share with the group. (A physical copy is not required if you are not able to get it.) All ages are welcome! Come learn about the authors/books others enjoy, and then provide input on future reads for the Church Book Club.

-- **Tuesday, January 13** the Deacons will be available in the Council Room from 7:00-8:30pm to receive additional in person donations for our Narthex Expansion project.

-- **Sunday, January 18** is Baptism Sunday and Sanctity of Life Sunday.

-- **Sunday, January 25** is CADET Sunday.

-- **Reading the Bible in a Year** - Two types of reading plans are available on the table in the Narthex to assist you in daily Bible reading. Select one to start in January and guide you throughout the year 2026! Make it your daily devotion, there's no better book to read than the Word of God!

COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE

-- The month of January recognizes *Sanctity of Human Life*. Throughout January, a baby cradle will be located in the Narthex for donations of baby clothes and supplies. Donations received will be delivered by our Community Impact Committee to Guiding Star of Siouxland in Orange City and the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls.

December 28, 2025 - Installation of Office Bearers

PRAISE TEAM:

Kelsi B, Tracy B,
James VB, Randy VK

USHERS:

East: Arnold K, Bob G
West: Benjamin H, Keith L

NURSERY:

AM: Kelsey VB, Addison VH, Bristly B
PM: Genae Z, Kennedy VH

SOUND: Rich R **VIDEO:** Carter VB **PPT:** Aiden VR

GREETERS:

AM: Jerad & Hannah K
Jonathon & TaMae K
Taylor & Jessica K
PM: Brett & Malorie K
Chloe K
Trevor & Lexi K

NARTHEX: Eric & Tracy

OFFERING:

AM: Guiding Star of Siouxland
PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Arnold K
Maletoungou: Roger K
Klompens: Clarence K

PIANIST: Krista VE

January 1, 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR

PRAISE TEAM:

Nolan & Julie, Lanae, Pat,
James, Mike & Tammy

USHERS:

East: Steve DK, Rick D
West: Joe M, Gene L

SOUND: Austin B **VIDEO:** Brian F **PPT:** Benjamin H

GREETERS:

Jeremy & Abbie K
Alex & Michelle K
Darin & Megan K
NARTHEX:
Rog & Hilaine

PIANIST:

Rachelle VB

NURSERY:

Jamie Z, Abby A, Taryn B

OFFERING:

Community Impact

January 4, 2025

PRAISE TEAM:

LaRae VDB, Ashley VO,
Andy VR, Nolan VO

USHERS:

East: Cody D, Mike B
West: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Em D, Kaysha A, Tessa B
PM: April DK, Teeghan B

SOUND: Jack VB **VIDEO:** Brian F **PPT:** Tammy B

GREETERS:

AM: Mike & Ranae K
Matthew & Autumn L
Alvin & Sue L
PM: Evan & Rhonda L
Gene & Carla L
Keith & Jacque L

NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Taylor K
Maletoungou: LeRoy K
Klompens: Scott K

PIANIST: Jackie R



Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrrv.org



-- Mentor Night - Wednesday, January 7 - 7:00pm - Freezer Meals

-- Youth Sunday - Sunday, January 11



-- Snow Derby - Saturday, January 3

-- Meeting - Wednesday, January 14 - 7:00pm at First CRC

-- Pinewood Derby - Friday, January 30



-- Meeting - Wednesday, January 14 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

-- Meeting - Wednesday, January 28 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

December 28, 2025

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - *Installation of Office Bearers*
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

THURS: **9:30 AM:** New Year's Day Community Service

SAT: **9:00 AM:** CADET Snow Derby

PRAYER REMINDERS

Office Bearers

- ♦ Incoming/Outgoing/Current Church Council

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Mer Van Otterloo (CG#8), Paula Kats (CG#1), Gerrit Kats (CG#4), Starla Van Otterloo (CG#1), Tracy Hoogendoorn (CG#2), Nate Van Kley (CG#1)
- ♦ Family/Friends of Our Church: The De Weerd Family, Gerald Van Den Top, Jason Davelaar, Rev. Dan De Groot

Our Care Center Residents:

Four Seasons

- Teresa Oostra (CG#6)
- Don & Lois Postma (CG#3)

Whispering Heights

- Claretta Lobbes (CG#5)
- Grace Teunissen (CG#8)
- Alvina Van't Hul (CG#6)
- Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo (CG#6)

River View Ridge

- Nathan Dorhout (CG#2)
- Jim Driesen (CG#6)
- Gerrit & Esther Kats (CG#4)
- LeRoy & Jane Koedam (CG#3)
- John Lobbes (CG#5)
- Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

Hull - Pleasant Acres

- Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)

Crown Pointe - SC

- Harriet Vande Kamp (CG#5)



Missionaries

- ♦ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa
- ♦ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

Classical Missions

- ♦ Lakeview CRC - Valentine, NE

Classis Iakota - www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Thrive) *God's peace* - Lord and God, we ask for your peace and protection as we enter a new year. Watch over our congregations and the communities we serve. You are our refuge and strength; help us to rest in your steadfast love. Whatever lies ahead, may your peace surround and sustain us.

Outreach

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train - a non-profit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with those in need in America and around the world by gathering donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, & aid.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - *the Mike Baartman's*

Monday - Tenley Zomer

Wednesday - Tyler Den Boer

Thursday - Austin Blik, Alvina Van't Hul (96)

Saturday - *the Alex Rust's*

FUTURE DATES

A helpful glance in advance of special events encompassing First CRC!

January 5 thru February - Family Faith Visitation Meetings begin

January 5-9 - Meals on Wheels

January 11 - Youth Sunday

January 12 - Book Club Kick-off for 2026

January 13 - Deacons available for Expansion donations

January 18 - Baptism Sunday/Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 25 - CADET Sunday

January 26 - Council Meeting

January 28 - The Banquet Service Date

January 30 - CADET Pinewood Derby

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ Christmas Break thru *January 2*
- ◇ *ARROWS Soup Supper* - January 8 - 5:00-7:00pm in the RVCS Cafeteria
- ◇ Noon dismissal - January 9 - End of 1st Quarter
- ◇ First Grade Talking Zoo - January 9 - 10:30-11:30am
- ◇ Coffee Cuttin' Club - January 12 - 9:30-10:30am
- ◇ Kindergarten begins 5 days/week - January 12
- ◇ ***Attention Grain Farmers!*** Please remember the annual Winter Festival Grain Project when delivering your corn to Doon Elevator, Farmers Elevator, and/or Valley Feed and Seed. The Winter Festival is slated for Friday, February 13th. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*
-- RVCS Board Winter Festival Committee: Jack Ver Burg, Brad Vanden Bosch, and Jake Faber

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ Christmas Break thru *January 2*
- ◇ Will you prayerfully consider "Celebrating Western" with a year-end gift? Gifts and funds raised will be given to the General Fund for capital improvements. *Thank You to those who have already contributed to the mission of WCHS!*
- ◇ We are excited to invite you to two upcoming opportunities to learn more about the Cornerstone Campaign and the exciting plans for the future of Western Christian High School.
Dr. Brian Verwolf and Mr. Brad Vis will be presenting the project, followed by a Q & A session.
Event Details: Monday, January 19 at 12:00 PM (Noon) & Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 PM
Both sessions will be held in the Western Christian Event Center.
These sessions are a great opportunity to hear more about the vision behind the Cornerstone Campaign, ask questions, and learn how this project will impact our school community. We hope you can join us!
- ◇ The Bargain Alley Furniture Outlet is in urgent need of volunteers to collect and deliver furniture and mattresses. You do not need to come to the store, just be available to help in your town as needed. Please call 712-439-6802 or 712-441-1270 if you are interested or have any questions. *Thank you!*

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ Christmas Break thru *January 5*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"Beautiful Savior"

PsH 373:1,3,4

***The Apostles' Creed** (in unison)

***Song of Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 43 Q/A 112 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Come to the Savior Now"

GsH 535:1-4

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

PsH 71:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14 (page 915/1534)

Sermon: **"THE INVITED"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Living Hope"

Vs:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Oh How Good It Is"

GH:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

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2025 COUNCIL

MINISTER:
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN

ELDERS:

Evan Vanden Bosch, *President* '25 - (470-1022)
 Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)
 Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)
 Carl Elbers '27 - (451-8150)
 Leonard Hoekstra, *Vice President* '27 - (451-9430)
 Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)
 Scott Koedam '25 - (470-7037)
 Ron LeLoux, *Vicar* '26 - (470-2426)
 Nate Van Kley, *Clerk* '25 - (470-2348)

DEACONS:

----- Care Group 1 ----- Travis Jansen, *Secretary* '25 - (470-3486)
 ----- Care Group 2 ----- Mitchell Byl, *Special Offerings* '26 - (470-2920)
 ----- Care Group 3 ----- Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)
 ----- Care Group 4 ----- Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)
 ----- Care Group 5 ----- Blake Zomer, *Vicar of Deacons* '27 - (460-2552)
 ----- Care Group 6 ----- Myron Bleyenbergh, *President* '25 - (605-359-8574)
 ----- Care Group 7 ----- Ryan Zomer, *Building Treasurer* '25 - (712-441-3970)
 ----- Care Group 8 ----- Evan Altena, *Missions* '26 - (470-2575)

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Executive Committee	Pastor Matt, Evan VB (Chr.), Leonard H, Nate VK, Ron L, Myron B, Colton VO
Pulpit Supply	Pastor Matt, Leonard H (Chr.), Evan VB
Bulletin	Pastor Matt, Kim A, Evan VB, Nate VK
Church Governance	Elders
Sacraments	Ron L, Tim VT
Missions Committee	Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy B, Randy & Pat B, Mark & Deb VH, Tim & Kim VT
Family Faith Visitation Committee	Darwin H, Randy VK
Worship Committee	Pastor Matt, Evan VB, James VB (Chr.), Rachelle VB, Krista VE, Andy VR
Music Coordinator	Rachelle VB
Building and Grounds Committee	Jeff VB (Chr.), Carl E (Liaison), Ryan Z (Treas.), Steve DK, Marva H, Mike P
Education Committee	Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH
Sunday School Superintendent	Damon R
Christian Education Committee	Dan & Shannon B, Pastor Matt & Holly H, Steve & April DK, Brad & Nanci G, Matthew & Autumn L, Keith & Jacque L, Joe & Jill M
Rock Valley Calvinist Board	Ron L, Mike P
CADET Leaders	Brian F, Kevin J, Ryan Z
GEMS Leaders	Sharla VR, Alli DB, Shanna L, Bonnie W, Kelci Z
Youth Group Sponsors	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH, Colton & Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (Liaison)
Welcome Committee	Roger & Hilaine K (Chr), Harlan & Priscilla D, Eric & Tracy B, Larry & Yvonne H, Ron & Darletta L, Vern & Ellen VB
Memorial	Deacons
Head Usher	Ron L
Funeral Ushers	Roger K (Chr.), Harlan D, Bob G, Dick J
Organists/Pianists	Ranae K, Carisa M, Jackie R, Krista VE, Rachelle VB
Nursery Committee	Jackie R, Kelsey VB
Tech Committee	Brian F, Joe M, Rich R, Andy VR
Sound System Team	James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Rich R, Evan VB, Jack VB, Blake Z
Video Recording Team	Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Aiden VR
PowerPoint System Team	Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Carla J, Jaydn L, Cowan VK, Jenna VO, Kayla VO, Aiden VR
Custodians	Rich & Lynnette R (476-5724)
Church Secretary	Kim A (Office-476-5902; Cell-712-470-6103) *Present bulletin announcements by 4:00 PM Wednesday*
Prayer Chain	Pastor Matt, Evan VB
Fellowship Committee	Bonnie D (Chr.), Tracy B, Katie B, Alli DB, Patty H, Kendra J, Kristin J, Sara J, Steph K, Jill M, Brenda P
Flowers	Marva H, Karla VK, Carol VH
Newsletter	Carla J (editor), Kim A
Library Committee	Joyce VE (Chr.), Diana DG, Carol DR, Hilaine K, Judy VO
Website Team	Tracy B (Chr.), Kim A, Brian F, Josie F
Safe Church Committee	Scott K (Chr.), Colton VO, Jamie DJ, Delanie VB, Kelsey VB, Damon R, Kim A, Sue L
Scheduling Rides	Travis J
Community Impact Committee	Mitchell B
Care Districts	District Elders
School Board Representatives	Western Christian - Brenda P, Loy VH, Jr. & Rock Valley Christian - Mike B, Jamie DJ, Jack VB

SACRAMENTS: HOLY BAPTISM - Upon approved request

HOLY COMMUNION - 1st Sunday of Lent, Maundy Thursday, 2nd Sunday of June & September, and 1st Sunday of Advent

MISSIONS: *Rev. Mike & Megan Ribbens*-Johannesburg, South Africa (email Mike at mrribbens@crcna.org or Megan at mrribbens@gmail.com)

Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou-West Africa (email smaletoungou@crcna.org)

Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompien-Nepal (mklompien@crcna.org)

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